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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6736**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 227**

**NOTE PREPARED: Apr 4, 2003**

**BILL AMENDED: Apr 3, 2003**

**SUBJECT:** Foster Parents and Juvenile Proceedings.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Long

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Klinker

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill entitles a long term foster parent to intervene as a party in a proceeding for the periodic review of a dispositional decree involving a child in need of services.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill changes the notification requirements to foster parents and long term foster parents for periodic case reviews. Under current statutory requirements, the foster parent may be notified either via certified mail or face-to-face contact by the county Office of Family and Children caseworker. This bill changes this requirement to follow the Indiana Trial Rule 4.1 requirements. This requires that notice be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested. This requirement may minimally increase expenditures. However, it is assumed that given current staff and resources that the county Offices of Family and Children can absorb any increased expenditure. [Note: FSSA staff have been contacted for information regarding current policy and procedure. Information will be updated when available.]

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** FSSA, Division of Family and Children.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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